

RECOGNIZING JORDAN FINK

• Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Jordan Fink, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the state of South Dakota over the past several weeks.

Jordan is a graduate of Tripp-Delmont High School in Tripp, SD. Currently he is attending South Dakota State University, where he is majoring in biology. He is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Jordan for all of the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

RECOGNIZING JAMIE LOFTUS

• Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Jamie Loftus, an intern in my Rapid City, SD, office, for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several weeks.

Jamie is a graduate of Stevens High School in Rapid City, SD. Currently he is attending Black Hills State University, where he is majoring in accounting. He is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Jamie for all of the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

RECOGNIZING KELSEY MCKAY

• Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Kelsey McKay, an intern in my Rapid City, SD, office, for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several weeks.

Kelsey is a graduate of T.F. Riggs High School in Pierre, SD. Currently she is attending the College of Saint Benedict, where she is majoring in political science. She is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Kelsey for all of the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

RECOGNIZING MICHAEL MERRY

• Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Michael Merry, an intern in my Washington, DC office, for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several weeks.

Michael is a graduate of Washington High School in Sioux Falls, SD. Currently he is attending the University of South Dakota, where he is majoring in finance and economics. He is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Michael for all of the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

RECOGNIZING SHARAYAH SLAUGHTER

• Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Sharayah Slaughter, an intern in my Rapid City, SD, office, for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several weeks.

Sharayah is currently a student at Douglas High School in Box Elder, SD. She is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Sharayah for all of the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

RECOGNIZING ROBERT STORK

• Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Robert Stork, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several weeks.

Robert is a graduate of Washington High School in Sioux Falls, SD, and of the University of Iowa, where he majored in communication studies. He is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Robert for all of the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

RECOGNIZING ALLISON VOELKER

• Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Allison Voelker, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several weeks.

Allison is a graduate of Canton High School in Canton, SD, and of Biola University, where she majored in psychology. She is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Allison for all of the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

HONORING THE WINNER SCHOOL DISTRICT

• Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I honor the Winner School District for being awarded the 2008 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award. This award is the highest recognition given by the U.S. Government to employers for their outstanding sup-

port of their employees who serve in the National Guard and Reserve.

The Winner School District is one of only 15 employers nationwide to be honored with this prestigious award. The support, encouragement, and flexibility that they provide to their employees who are called to serve their country in the South Dakota National Guard illustrates their deservedness for this high honor. The Winner School District serves as a fine example of South Dakotans coming together to support the cause of freedom around the world. The Winner School District goes the extra mile to accommodate our servicemen and women and thus ensure a safer, more secure America.

Today, I rise with the entire State of South Dakota to commend the Winner School District for their commitment to serving our State and our Armed Forces.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mrs. Neiman, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sun nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:33 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 674. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to repeal the provision of law requiring termination of the Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans as of December 31, 2009.

H.R. 1338. An act to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4255. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide assistance to the Paralympic Program of the United States Olympic Committee, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6083. An act to authorize funding to conduct a national training program for State and local prosecutors.

H.R. 6208. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1100 Town and Country Commons in Chesterfield, Missouri, as the "Lance Corporal Matthew P. Pathenos Post Office Building".

H.R. 6221. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to include in each contract the Secretary enters for the acquisition of goods and services a provision that requires the contractee to comply with the contracting

goals and preferences for small business concerns owned or controlled by veterans, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6225. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, relating to equitable relief with respect to a State or private employer, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6309. An act to amend the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992 to define environmental intervention blood lead level, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6437. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 200 North Texas Avenue in Odessa, Texas, as the "Corporal Alfred Mac Wilson Post Office".

H.R. 6633. An act to evaluate and extend the basic pilot program for employment eligibility confirmation and to ensure the protection of Social Security beneficiaries.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 3294. A bill to provide for the continued performance of the functions of the United States Parole Commission.

S. 3295. A bill to amend title 35, United States Code, and the Trademark Act of 1946 to provide that the Secretary of Commerce, in consultation with the Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, shall appoint administrative patent judges and administrative trademark judges, and for other purposes.

S. 3370. An act to resolve pending claims against Libya by United States nationals, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 201(b) of the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6431 note), amended by section 681(b) of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 2003 (22 U.S.C. 2651 note), and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Speaker reappoints the following member on the part of the House of Representatives to the Commission on International Religious Freedom for a two-year term ending May 14, 2010: Ms. Elizabeth H. Prodomou of Boston, Massachusetts, to succeed herself.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 1:15 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by one of its clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 4040. An act to establish consumer product safety standards and other safety requirements for children's products and to reauthorize and modernize the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

Pursuant to the order of today, August 1, 2008, the enrolled bill was signed by the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR).

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 674. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to repeal the provision of law requiring termination of the Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans as of December 31, 2009; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 1108. An act to protect the public health by providing the Food and Drug Administration with certain authority to regulate tobacco products; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 1338. An act to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 2452. To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to ensure that publicly owned treatment works monitor for and report sewer overflows, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 3021. To direct the Secretary of Education to make grants to State educational agencies for the modernization, renovation, or repair of public school facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 4255. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide assistance to the Paralympic Program of the United States Olympic Committee, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 5057. To reauthorize the Debbie Smith DNA Backlog Grant Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 5464. An act to direct the Attorney General to make an annual grant to the A Child Is Missing Alert and Recovery Center to assist law enforcement agencies in the rapid recovery of missing children, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 5569. To extend for 5 years the EB-5 regional center pilot program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 5570. To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act with respect to the special immigrant nonminister religious worker program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 6083. An act to authorize funding to conduct a national training program for State and local prosecutors, to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 6208. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1100 Town and Country Commons in Chesterfield, Missouri, as the "Lance Corporal Matthew P. Pathenos Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 6221. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to include in each contract the Secretary enters for the acquisition of goods and services a provision that requires the contractee to comply with the contracting goals and preferences for small business concerns owned or controlled by veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 6225. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, relating to equitable relief with respect to a State or private employer and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 6295. To enhance drug trafficking interdiction by creating a Federal felony relating to operating or embarking in a submersible or semi-submersible vessel without nationality and on an international voyage; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 6309. An act to amend the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992 to define environmental intervention blood lead level and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 6382. An act to make technical corrections related to the Pension Protection Act of 2006, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 6437. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 200 North Texas Avenue in Odessa, Texas, as the "Corporal Alfred Mac Wilson Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 6456. An act to provide for extensions of certain authorities of the Department of State, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 6633. An act to evaluate and extend the basic pilot program for employment eligibility confirmation and to ensure the protection of Social Security beneficiaries; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The following concurrent resolutions were read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 296. Concurrent resolution expressing support for the designation of August 2008 as "National Heat Stroke Awareness Month" to raise awareness and encourage prevention of heat stroke; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H. Con. Res. 358. Concurrent resolution commending the members of the Nevada Army and Air National Guard and the Nevada Reserve members of the Armed Forces for their dedicated, unselfish, and professional service, commitment, and sacrifices to the State of Nevada and the United States during more than five years of deployments to and in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom; to the Committee on Armed Services.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 3406. A bill to restore the intent and protections of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

The following bills were read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 2964. An act to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to treat nonhuman primates as prohibited wildlife species under that Act, to make corrections in the provisions relating to captive wildlife offenses under that Act, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3548. An act to enhance citizen access to Government information and services by establishing plain language as the standard style for Government documents issued to the public, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5540. An act to amend the Chesapeake Bay Initiative Act of 1998 to provide for the continuing authorization of the Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network.

H.R. 6531. An act to amend chapter 13 of title 17, United States Code (relating to the vessel hull design protection), to clarify the definitions of a hull and a deck.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 3430. A bill to provide for the investigation of certain unsolved civil rights crimes, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with